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DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE  
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Sir:

The above-identified case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to prosecution of the subject application. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this response.  
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 3 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 26 of this response.